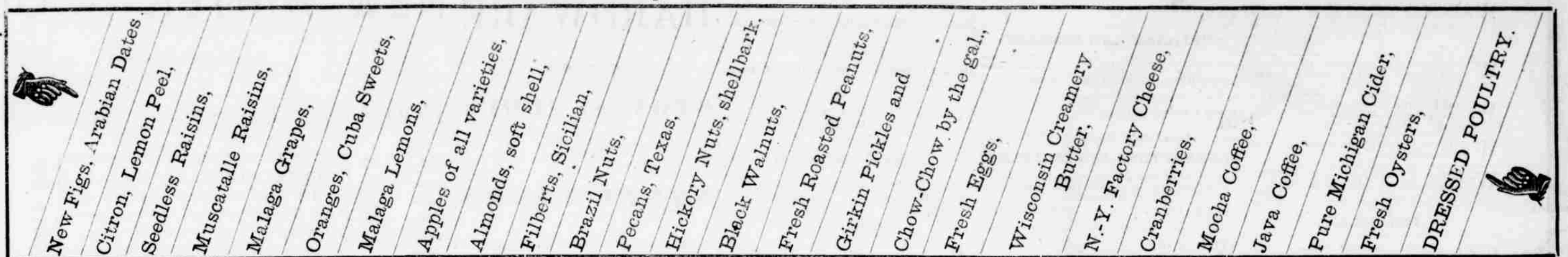


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STORY OF A DIAMOND.

Close Call For Detective Morley.

Late Monday night detective J. F. Morley was in Close's dance hall talking with Mollie Deering, a notorious woman of the town, who among other crimes is charged with stealing a diamond valued at \$1,600, from William Cain in Alamosa last October. They were chatting pleasantly enough of the diamond when Bill Truelove, well-known as Texas Bill, who is Mollie's "solid man" walked in. Mr. Morley jokingly said, "you had better go to him or he may be jealous." She said something about wanting to see him and the pair walked to the front of the hall. Mr. Morley strolled down to the stage at the other end and began talking with W. W. Dodd his partner. He then seated himself on the stage and was leaning back on his elbows when Truelove and Mollie came up. They were both smiling and agreeable and after taking a while, Truelove said: "By what authority, Mr. Morley, do you arrest people without warrants?"

"Oh, I don't know," replied the detective in his usual careless way.

The handle of his revolver was sticking out of his scabbard in full view, and tapping it, Truelove remarked, "I suppose that is all the warrant you think you need?" Morley only smiled, and Truelove jumping back a few paces exclaimed in a tragic voice, while a sardonic smile lit up his countenance, "You bastard I'll give it to you now."

Morley had no idea that any such game was to be played but quickly realizing that this was part of a dastardly attempt to shoot him down in cold blood made a plunge for Texas Bill succeeding in knocking up the gun which covered him and the bullet went wide of the mark. He attempted to wrest the weapon from his would-be murderer's hand, but failing to do this reached for his own, when Truelove placing his shooting iron to his breast attempted to fire. That it missed fire is the only explanation why he lived to testify against the pair.

At this critical time, Mollie was dancing for glee, and encouraged her "baby" to "give it to him Bill." The woman seeing that the funeral was postponed, slipped up behind Mr. Morley and grasped his revolver with both hands. She failed to draw it out but still kept the detective from using it. He lifted her up but her grip was hard, and then half un-sheathing it she turned the battery on Mr. Morley and fired. The shot unpleasantly whizzed before his eyes and crashed through the adjoining room. Truelove was completely flustered by his unsuccessful attempts and the snots that he subsequently fired failed to do their work. In all, some five or six shots were fired, but no great damage was done, one flying through Morley's overcoat.

Fully persuaded that "discretion was the better part of valor," when one is in such a death-fall, he beat a retreat through the front entrance. Truelove and the Deering woman skipped out of the back way and after hiding a short time took a carriage and came over to a west side saloon, where, after bracing up, they started down Centre street and halted for some time at the Post Office. A party was out hunting for them and a policeman who came along was "stood off" by the pair, who slipped across the bridge, passed up on the north side and along the east bank of the river, where all traces of them were lost.

Yesterday morning they were captured while taking a morning "smile" and were brought before Judge Steele in the afternoon to answer to the charge of assault with intent to kill. Truelove demanded a jury trial and this being granted the case dragged through the afternoon, a crowd of spectators being in attendance. Truelove and Mollie were each bound

over in the sum of \$500 bail to await the action of the grand jury.

It was a dastardly deed and it is to be hoped that both will get their just deserts at the next term of the District Court.

In October last, while Billy Cain was dancing with this same Mollie Deering in a dance hall in Alamosa, she snatched from his shirt front a valuable diamond pin. The diamond, valued at \$1,600, had been presented to Cain by the railway men on the D. & R. G. R. R., he having been for some time a conductor and afterward train dispatcher on that road. A reward of \$500 was offered for the recovery of the diamond, but it has not yet been secured. Detective Morley and his partner, Mr. Dodd, worked up the case and found that the brilliant was still in the possession of the Deering woman and they came to Vegas to arrest her. But they afterwards found that there was no much show of securing the reward and so the case was dropped. After stealing the diamond the woman went to San Antonio, then the terminus of the D. & R. G. R. R.; she then came to Vegas and after stopping awhile here went to San Marcial, and unfortunately drifted back to this city. She took the diamond with her wherever she went, carefully hiding it to prevent its being found in case she was nabbed. Her "solid man" accompanied her on this tour, but finally she threw him over for Truelove, and the former has since revealed the hiding places of the gem but knows nothing of its present place of seclusion. The woman is a hard character and as plucky and reckless as any desperado. It is believed that she is wanted in a number of places, and has certainly a record that she does not care to have carefully looked into. Life is worth nothing to her and she is disposed to go to any length to revenge herself for any fancied wrongs. She is a fit mate for Texas Bill, who has plenty of "sand" and isn't at all backward in taking a hand in a shooting scrape, and the probabilities are that he has figured in many of them.

GRAND OPENING.

Finest Hall in the Territory.

Messrs. Lillwall & Little, having completed Ward & Tamme's new billiard hall, a grand opening was held last night. The hall is 25 feet wide by 66 feet long, with walnut shaded wainscoting, segment doors and windows and lighted up by twenty burners. Three elegant billiard tables and one "Devil Among the Tailors" occupy the room. Large mirrors, splendidly fashioned cue racks and costly counters complete the furniture of the room. The hall alone, not counting the furniture, cost over three thousand dollars. The opening took place at eight o'clock. Even at that early hour in the evening the house was crowded with people eager to try the new tables. The time until ten o'clock was spent in playing billiards, pin pool and other games, when an elegant lunch, prepared by Hubert & Angell of the Center Street Bakery was served. A good time was enjoyed by those present and many kind feelings are entertained for the genial owners.

The hall as a fine piece of workmanship is an honor to the builders, to the town and to the owners.

—Louis Hostetter, well known in Las Vegas, arrived yesterday. He makes Denver his home now and is looking after the interests of Buchanan & Lyall, tobacco manufacturers of New York. Louis is full of fun, and a social hop is likely to be the result of his coming.

—A. W. Davis, deputy U. S. marshal arrived in this city from Kansas yesterday with a requisition for G. W. Jamison, the forger. The young man is still badly used up with rheumatism but will be taken to Independence, Kas., as soon as he is able to travel.

BEAN-ITED BUST.

The New England Club Enjoys a Genuine Yankee Dinner.

At the annual banquet of the New England society in New York on Forefather's Day 1850, Daniel Webster prophesied that within thirty years New England societies would celebrate the day in California and New Mexico. Thirty years have elapsed yesterday, and in the evening eleven native born Yankees, members of the New England Club of Las Vegas, sat down to a genuine Yankee dinner, thus fulfilling the prophecy of the great statesman. It was a happy coincidence that the club should have finally decided to celebrate the day as circumstances rendered it necessary for quite a number to make many sacrifices, and the prophecy was not recalled till a few days before the event was celebrated and everything had been arranged.

The dinner was held in the Exchange Dining Rooms, and Deacon Sanford a native of Connecticut, did everything in his power to remind the members of the peculiar institution of "way down east."

The following is the bill of fare: Oyster soup, beans and brown bread, baked Indian pudding, apple pie, nuts and raisins, apples cider and coffee.

After the repast was concluded toasts, by James Russell, L. W. and Whittier, which had done service at larger gatherings, but we doubt if ever drunk by more patriotic Yankees, were happily responded to, and after a short speech by the president, the club adjourned to meet at the same place on Christmas day.

The table was very neatly arranged and everything done to make what it was intended to be, a reminder of boyhood's days spent in Boston homes or old homesteads, by those who can never forget them, though they reckon themselves loyal citizens of this future great commonwealth.

The following vote of thanks was unanimously adopted:

Resolved: That we tender our thanks to Deacon Sanford and his able assistants for their careful adherence to Yankee rules, and for the excellent manner in which they have served us.

The following despatch was sent to the New England Society of New York in session at Delmonico's last evening: "The New England Club of this city celebrates Forefather's Day, fulfilling Daniel Webster's prophecy, made before your society in 1850, that within thirty years New England societies would observe this day in New Mexico."

Mrs. Smith's Reading.

It is very probable that the inclement weather and the impassible state of the streets had a great deal to do with the small attendance at the reading by Mrs. W. F. Smith at the Presbyterian church last evening. Those who were fortunate enough to be present were more than repaid for any inconvenience they may have experienced for the reading was enjoyed by all. Mrs. Smith is an ecumenist of rare ability and her efforts were highly appreciated. Most of her selections were prose extracts and were well chosen and equally well rendered. Her rendition of the very familiar piece "Curlew Must not Ring To-night" is especially to be complimented.

—The Las Vegas water works have been incorporated for a period of fifty years, under the laws of this Territory, and have been granted the right to erect, maintain and operate all buildings, machinery, pipes and works which are deemed necessary for the conducting of water and the distribution of the same; also, the cutting and storing of ice.

The Albuquerque Journal has secured the services of a very competent man in the person of Mr. V. Messenger who has been for some time in this city, and who left yesterday for the scene of his new labors.

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In our line. Are prepared to undersell all others. Will take pleasure in showing our well assorted stock. And guarantee satisfaction to all our customers. Keep the latest styles. And never carry old stock. We invite attention to our

ORDER DEPARTMENT.

Are Agents for DEVLIN & CO., New York. Keep the Largest Line of Samples ever shown. Suits ready in fifteen days. Satisfaction guaranteed, and no C. O. D. business.

Street Railway.

The board of county commissioner has granted the right of way to the Las Vegas Street Railway Company on condition that the line be completed within a year. The incorporators are, L. P. Browne, T. Romero, W. H. Shupp, Jacob Gross, J. Rosenwald, F. A. Manzanarez and L. Suizbecher. The company has organized with the following board of officers: Trinidad Romero, President; F. A. Manzanarez, Vice-Pres.; Jacob Gross, Secretary; J. Rosenwald, Treasurer.

The capital stock of the company is \$100,000. Eastern parties have been written to to come here at once and make bids on the work, and the contract will be let as soon as possible.

The projected line is from a point opposite the depot along Railroad Avenue, Centre Street and Lincoln Avenue, and the street leading over the bridge, through Centre Street and around the plaza. It is projected to extend the line to the Hot Springs and there are two routes selected, one on the east and the other on the west side of the river. Only horse cars can be used in the city, but the cars to the Springs will be propelled by a dummy. This is another of the many improvements projected and with such men to back it, the line will be in good running order before many months.

—Late W. Wilcox of the *Optic* and Walter C. Hadley of the *Mining World* leave for Topeka to-day where they will partake of Christmas goodies. They are both royal good fellows and deserve a tip-top good time and a royal feast.

—Col. D. J. M. A. Jewett, a member of the celebrated Louisiana returning board is in the city. He has been in the White Oaks for some weeks and is now on his way to his home in New Orleans.

The county commissioners will adjourn to-day at 10 o'clock a. m.

For Sale.

I will sell my horse, wagon and harness, cover, tongue, doubletrees and neck yoke, very cheap for cash. Call at once and get a bargain.

DAN MORROW.

At Oakley's Livery Stable.

CANDIES.

Just received, a large assortment of fine candies also beautiful ornaments for Christmas trees.

Isidor Stern.

Go to the Grand Candy Opening of BELL, CRAIG & CO.

For fine watch repairs, 1381f J. CARLSEN.

Go to the Grand Candy Opening of BELL, CRAIG & CO.

—Mr. A. L. Ruesenberry, brother-in-law of C. R. Browning, started east yesterday. He will take a complete commercial course before returning.

Go to the Grand Candy Opening of BELL, CRAIG & CO.

A full line of groceries received yesterday by Bell, Craig & Co. Fine selection of teas, sugars and a complete stock of canned goods.

Go to the Grand Candy Opening of BELL, CRAIG & CO.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS

That will be a source of joy and comfort to yourself and family to be found in the greatest variety at Chas. Ilfeld's. They surpass anything ever before brought to this town.

The little folks, their parents and all their relatives are respectfully invited to examine my stock. They will secure a more tasteful and more useful present at the lowest possible prices. Inquire at

CHARLES ILFELD'S.

COME TO STAY.

The increase in patronage bestowed upon our house the past few months necessitated additional store room and a large increase of our stock of goods. Our arrangements have been made with careful regard to the wants of our customers, and facilities for inspection of goods, which we offer at REMARKABLY LOW FIGURES. We handle nothing but standard brands of canned goods. The choicest butter, apples, potatoes and everything kept in a first-class grocery store. Courteous attention extended to all visitors and goods open to inspection without any regard to purchase. Come and see

Bell, Craig & Co.,

The plaza grocers.

Oranges at Bell, Craig & Co.'s.

Go to Judd's Barber Shop and get scraped, Exchange Hotel.

Pickets for sale at Lockhart & Co's planing mill.

Honey at Bell, Craig & Co.

We are prepared to furnish all kinds of building materials for contractors. LOCKHART & Co.

Choice Butter at Bell, Craig & Co.

Holbrook's tobacco is the best.

Way down prices on Cardigan Jackets, Comforters.

Nubias, Fancy Knit Coats and Dress goods.

A line of Ladies' Coats at less than cost, for the next ten days C. E. WESCHE.

Santa Claus on Time.

If you want to make a nice holiday gift go and examine the large stock of Watches, Clocks, Jewelry and Silver Plated Ware at SEEWALD'S.

Pickles by the quart at Bell, Craig & Co.'s.

Cottages to Rent.

Two new cottages to rent at the Hot Springs. Apply to the New York Clothing Store, East Las Vegas. 314-1f.

Brick for sale in large or small quantities, at LOCKHART & Co's.

To R. R. Employees.

Thanking you for the so very liberal patronage bestowed upon me in the past and assuring you that I will do all in my power to merit the same also in the future, I would herewith call your attention to my new stock of clothing, gent's furnishing goods, boots and shoes, which is now complete. Please give me a call and save money by buying of

ISIDOR STERN.

Oranges at Bell, Craig & Co.'s.

Fresh eggs, at Bell, Craig & Co.

Malaga grapes, at Bell, Craig & Co.

Christmas Toys, at Bell, Craig & Co.

Apples, at Bell, Craig & Co.

For flannels, come to I. Stern.

For ladies' cloths and waterproof come to Isidor Stern.

Fresh Oysters, at Bell, Craig & Co.

Lemons, at Bell, Craig & Co.

Pep Corn, at Bell, Craig & Co.

Christmas Gifts

My new stock came in and will be ready for inspection in a few days.

ISIDOR STERN.

Cabbage, at Bell, Craig & Co.

For ladies' woolen underwear come to Isidor Stern.

Goods retailed at wholesale prices at Isidor Stern's.

Buckwheat Flour at 1831f J. GRAAE & Co's.

Turnips, at Bell, Craig & Co.

Theodore Rutenbeck has received a fine stock of gold and silver filigree jewelry and also a nice lot of silver plated ware for the holidays.

Dried beef at Bell, Craig & Co.'s.

If you want a good Pocket Knife, a pair of scissors that keeps sharp, an elegant set of table cutlery, or a first-class razor, go to C. E. WESCHE'S.

Corn meal at Bell, Craig & Co.'s.

Holiday Goods.

Autograph Albums, Photograph Albums, Picture Books, Novels, Games, Writing Desks, Dolls, Tea sets and other toys.

C. E. WESCHE.

The fact is that, Houghton keeps the best assorted stock of bird cages to be found west of St. Louis. Go and see them for he has just got in a big supply of them of all styles—brass and painted.

New York cheese at Bell, Craig & Co.'s.

I would respectfully call the attention of all persons going to and from the White Oak mines, and the public in general to the fact that I have removed our store from Tecolote to Anton Chico, where I keep a complete assortment of general merchandise; and make a specialty of miners supplies, provisions ect. Anton Chico is on the direct route to the mines and I sell goods at the lowest rates.

DAVID WINTERITZ.

Anton Chico, N. M.

Fresh eggs, at Bell, Craig & Co.

Wisconsin creamery butter at BELL, CRAIG & Co's.